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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gregory S. Hageman

Application No.: 09/511,008

Filed: February 22, 2000

For: DIAGNOSTICS AND
THERAPEUTICS FOR
ARTERIAL WALL DISRUPTIVE
DISORDERS

Examiner: Q. Janice Li

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 6, 2002 in the above-referenced application and as part of a Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d). Please amend this application as indicated in the attached sheets before examining the application.

The original deadline for response to the Final Office Action was December 6, 2003. A petition for a 3 month extension of time is enclosed herewith, thus extending the period for response until March 6, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Please note that this Amendment is in the revised format allowed for in 1265 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 87 (Dec. 17, 2002).